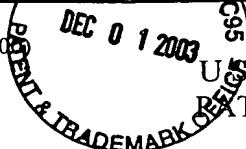


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This is a **request for continued examination** under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (RCE) of pending application Serial No. 09/667,097, filed on September 21, 2000, entitled **METHOD FOR SEPARATING BACKGROUND SPRITE AND FOREGROUND OBJECT AND METHOD FOR EXTRACTING SEGMENTATION MASK AND THE APPARATUS**.

The following constitute the submission **required** by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(a) and is attached:

- ☒ Amendment
☐ Information Disclosure Statement
☐ Drawing Changes
☐ Other Submission: _____

1. The filing fee for this RCE and the required amendment/submission is calculated below. The fee below is calculated based on the status of the claims after the entry of the attached amendment/submission. The fee for any new additional claims is included with this RCE, the fee for previously entered additional claims having already been paid.

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	MINUS	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT NUMBER EXTRA*	RATE (\$) PER CLAIM	FEE (\$)
BASIC FEE						770.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	30		30	0	18.00	0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	21		21	0	86.00	0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					290.00	0.00
				Must be zero or larger	TOTAL	770.00
	If Applicant is a small entity under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27, then divide total fee by 2, and enter amount here.					SMALL ENTITY TOTAL 0.00

2. Please charge the required RCE and submission filing fee of **\$770.00** to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**.
3. Applicant respectfully requests a FURTHER two-month extension of time in which to file a response to the Final Office Action mailed June 2, 2003, for which a response period expiring on September 2, 2003 was set, and for which a one-month extension to October 2, 2003 was previously paid. The further extended period expires on December 2, 2003. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) extension fee of **\$840.00** to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**.
4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of fees, including any additional fees associated with this communication or arising during the pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**.
5. A duplicate copy of this transmittal form is enclosed.

Dated: 12/1/2003

By: 

Respectfully submitted,

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